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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ming-Hui WEI et al.

Art Unit: 1652

Serial No.: 10/681,222

Examiner: M. Monshipouri

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For: ISOLATED HUMAN ZINC
METALLOPROTEASES, NUCLEIC ACID
MOLECULES ENCODING SAID ENZYMES,
AND USES THEREOF

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231 By Facsimile

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action mailed on May 19, 2004 from Examiner Monshipouri in which a restriction requirement was issued for the above-referenced application.

Applicants hereby elect claim group III (claims 4-6, 8-11, and 22-23, drawn to isolated nucleic acid molecules, vectors, host cells, etc.) for examination and have canceled claims corresponding to the non-elected groups I-II and IV-VIII.

Please amend the application as follows:

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## REMARKS

By way of the above amendments, claims 1-23 have been canceled, and claims 24-38 have been added. As such, claims 24-38 are presently pending.

The newly added claims add no new subject matter and their entry is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully assert that the claims are in condition for examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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